

Do not loosen restrictions on media conglomeration. These restrictions should be increased to protect the individual's right to free speech. When one large corporation owns all of the media outlets, particularly one with strong political views (e.g. Clear Channel) that censors the content it plays because they don't agree with their message (e.g. the dixie chicks being banned on many radio stations and DJ's being reprimanded for playing them) then the public loses its ability to form its own opinions because it only hears one (e.g. the illogical propaganda being aired on radio and tv distorting the idea of freedom). This strictly limits our freedoms, more than some third world country with supposed WMD's. This country is partly based on a system of capitalism, which in part depends on equal competition. If there is no competition left, then there is no longer a choice, or equal opportunity, something that is part of our true freedom.